GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
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Artificial Limbs
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of differently abled persons in the country, disability and State-wise;
(b) whether the Government proposes to manufacture artificial limbs with total flexibility to enable the disabled to walk, write or even play normally, in collaboration with German and England-based companies;
(c) if so, the details thereof and the time likely to be taken for operationalisation of the unit;
(d) whether the Government has organized mega camps throughout the country and distributed equipment to disabled persons;
(e) if so, the details thereof and the number of beneficiaries during each of the last three years and the current year, State and location-wise; and
(f) the measures taken by the Government to provide modern artificial limbs/equipments to all the eligible persons along with the other steps proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure that disabled people do not feel isolated in the society?

Answer

Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment
(Shri Krishanpal Gurjar)
(a) State-wise and disability-wise list of differently abled persons in the country is as per Annexure I.
(b) Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO) has signed a Transfer of Technology agreement with M/s Ottobock Health Care India (P) Ltd., which is a 100% owned subsidiary of M/s Ottobock of Germany for manufacturing of below Knee and above Knee Prosthetics. As per the agreement, the Corporation will be manufacturing high end prosthesis. After fitment of these prosthesis, a differently abled person is expected to walk normally.
(c) ALIMCO has started the assembly of above knee and below knee prosthesis from March, 2016. Manufacturing of these prosthesis is expected to start at ALIMCO by November, 2016. These prosthesis will be made available to the differently abled persons under Scheme of Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aids and Appliances (ADIP Scheme) of Government of India.
(d) Yes, Sir.
(e) Special camps are organised throughout the country on the requests of Members of Parliament and other dignitaries or wherever demand arises. State-wise and location-wise details of special camps organized by ALIMCO/National Institutes/Composite Regional Centres and number of beneficiaries during the last three years and the current year is as per Annexure II.
(f) Under the ADIP Scheme, efforts are made to provide contemporary aids/devices to the eligible persons, subject to availability of funds.
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